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**ElDorado  
National - Kansas**  
Thor Industries Commercial Bus Division

October 17, 2012

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Administrator  
400 Seventh Street SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Title 49, CFR CH. V, Part 566.6

Dear Sir or Madam,

This document is submitted to update information provided February 16, 2010.

ElDorado National – Kansas recently added the following bus models to its product offering:

AeroAccess II  
Advantage

ElDorado National (Kansas), Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Thor Industries, operates its facility at:

1655 Wall Street  
Salina, KS 67401  
Phone: (785) 827-1033

At this facility, ElDorado National – Kansas currently manufactures the following vehicle models as buses, multipurpose passenger vehicles, and trucks as a final-stage manufacturer, per definition of 49 CFR Part 568.4:

| <b><u>Model</u></b> | <b><u>GVWR Range (lbs)</u></b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aerolite            | 10,050 – 14,500                |
| Aerotech            | 11,500 – 14,500                |
| Aero Elite          | 17,500 – 27,500                |
| Transtech           | 11,500 – 14,500                |
| AeroAccess II       | 14,500                         |
| Advantage           | 11,500 – 14,500                |

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The work performed on the buses and larger MPV's at this facility includes adding a second unit body to the incomplete chassis. The incomplete chassis' are supplied by Navistar, Ford Motor Company, and General Motors Corporation. In addition, specific modifications may be made to the incomplete chassis as supplied by the Incomplete Vehicle Manufacturer, i.e., suspension system modifications and wheelbase length.

In addition, Eldorado National – Kansas manufactures the above incomplete chassis' for special applications other than buses, i.e., mobile showrooms, emergency communication vehicles, medical facilities, etc. The GVWR ranges for these special application products are the same as the bus products manufactured.

Eldorado National - Kansas also manufactures the following vehicle models as buses, and multipurpose passenger vehicle, as an alterer, per definition of 49 CFR, Part 567.3:

| <b><u>Model</u></b> | <b><u>GVWR Range (lbs)</u></b> | <b><u>Type</u></b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Amerivan            | 5,995 – 6,050                  | MPV                |
| Mission             | 5,995 – 6,050                  | MPV                |
| VersaShuttle        | 6,600 – 9,600                  | Bus & MPV          |

The work performed on the Amerivan and Mission multipurpose passenger vehicle at this facility includes lowering the floor and adding para-transit equipment. The vehicle chassis' altered includes the Dodge Grand Caravan, Chrysler Town and Country, Volkswagen Routan, and Toyota Sienna.

The work performed on the VersaShuttle Bus/MPV includes modifying the roof and adding para-transit equipment. The chassis vehicle altered includes the Ford Econoline Cargo Van.

Should additional information be required regarding this submittal, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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